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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Bjarne L. Christensen et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/536,535 ) Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody  
Filing Date: February 28, 2006 ) Group Art Unit No. : 3679  
For: A CONNECTING PIECE FOR A ) Confirmation No.: 9902  
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated July 28, 2008 for a period of one month.

Applicant is:  small entity (per 37 CFR 1.27)       other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$130.00	\$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$490.00	\$245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$1,110.00	\$555.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,730.00	\$865.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months	\$2,350.00	\$1,175.00

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- Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fees listed above.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$130.00 to cover the fee listed above to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 26, 2008

  
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